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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of the shortened statutory period set for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 24, 2000, to make the date for response August 24, 2000. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is enclosed herewith.

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